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Title: METHOD OF OPERATING A MEMORY   )
           HAVING A VARIABLE DATA OUTPUT   )
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I hereby certify that the attached **1)** Transmittal Letter (1 page and 1 copy

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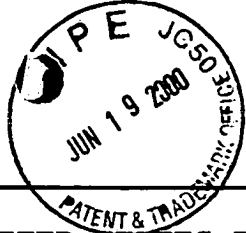
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REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.322

Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the Commissioner issue the
attached Certificate of Correction to correct typographical errors
in U.S. Patent 6,034,918 ("the '918 patent", copy attached as
Exhibit 1). In particular, the attached Certificate of Correction
seeks to correct errors in claims 13-16 and claims 35-38. Claims
13-16 should have been printed as being dependent on claim 1 rather
than being dependent on claim 11, as they were printed in the '918
patent. Claims 35-38 should have been printed as being dependent
on claim 34 rather than being dependent on claim 32, as they were
printed in the '918 patent

The Preliminary Amendment of February 19, 1999, copy attached
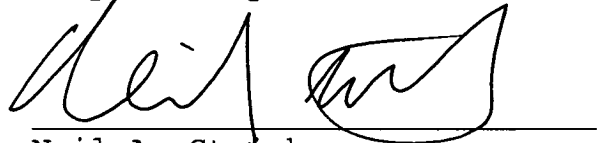as Exhibit 2, clearly discloses claims 163-166 being dependent on

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claim 151. Claim 151 was renumbered claim 1 in the '918 patent and claims 163-166 were later renumbered claims 13-16, respectively. There were no subsequent amendments of the above-referenced application which affected the claim dependency of claims 163-166 (i.e., claims 13-16 in the '918 patent).

In addition, the Preliminary Amendment of February 19, 1999 clearly discloses claims 185-188 being dependent on claim 184. Claim 184 was renumbered claim 34 in the '918 patent and claims 185-188 were later renumbered claims 35-38, respectively. There were no subsequent amendments of the above-referenced application which affected the claim dependency of claims 185-188 (i.e., claims 35-38 in the '918 patent).

This error incurred through the fault of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO"), as is clearly disclosed by the records in the USPTO.

It is respectfully requested that the attached Certificate of Correction issue. It is noted that should a telephone interview expedite consideration of this request in any way kindly contact Neil Steinberg at 650-944-7772.

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CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

PATENT NO : 6,034,918

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INVENTOR(S): Farmwald et al.

It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent are hereby corrected as shown below:

In Col. 25, on line 62, delete "11" and substitute --1--.

In Col. 25, on line 65, delete "11" and substitute --1--.

In Col. 26, on line 1, delete "11" and substitute --1--.

In Col. 26, on line 6, delete "11" and substitute --1--.

In Col. 28, on line 16, delete "32" and substitute --34--.

In Col. 28, on line 18, delete "32" and substitute --34--.

In Col. 28, on line 21, delete "32" and substitute --34--.

In Col. 28, on line 33, delete "32" and substitute --34--.

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[45] Date of Patent: Mar. 7, 2000

[54] **METHOD OF OPERATING A MEMORY HAVING A VARIABLE DATA OUTPUT LENGTH AND A PROGRAMMABLE REGISTER**

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[73] Assignee: **Rambus Inc.**, Mountain View, Calif.

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[22] Filed: **Feb. 19, 1999**

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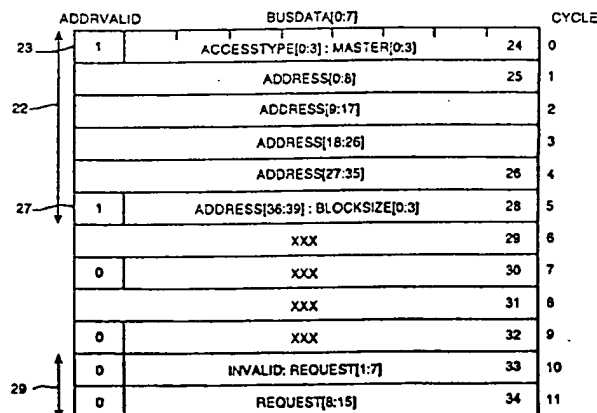
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[57] **ABSTRACT**

A method of controlling a memory device is disclosed wherein the memory device includes a plurality of memory cells. The method comprises providing first block size information to the memory device, wherein the first block size information defines a first amount of data to be output onto a bus in response to a read request. The method further includes issuing a first read request to the memory device, wherein in response to the first read request, the memory device outputs the first amount of data corresponding to the first block size information onto the bus synchronously with respect to an external clock signal. In one preferred embodiment, the method may include providing a code which is representative of a number of clock cycles of the first and second external clock which are to transpire before data is output by the memory device onto the bus. The memory device stores the code in a programmable register on the memory device. In this preferred embodiment, the first amount of data corresponding to the first block size information is output after the number of clock cycles of the external clock transpire.

38 Claims, 15 Drawing Sheets

ADDRVALID	BUSDATA[0:7]		CYCLE
1	ACCESSTYPE[0:3] : MASTER[0:3]	24	0
	ADDRESS[0:8]	25	1
	ADDRESS[9:17]		2
	ADDRESS[18:26]		3
	ADDRESS[27:35]	26	4
1	ADDRESS[36:39] : BLOCKSIZE[0:3]	28	5
	XXX	29	6
0	XXX	30	7
	XXX	31	8
0	XXX	32	9
0	INVALID: REQUEST[1:7]	33	10
0	REQUEST[8:15]	34	11

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